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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (canceled).

21. (new) A method for filling a fluid system comprising:

applying a reduced pressure to a service apparatus to withdraw fluid from a fluid source, through the apparatus, and into the fluid system, the apparatus being sealably connected to the fluid source by a sleeve made of resilient material wherein the service apparatus includes a valve proximate to a channel that stops fluid flow in the channel when the fluid enters the channel.

22. (new) A method for servicing a fluid system comprising:

draining a fluid from the fluid system;

sealing a service apparatus onto an orifice of the fluid system by reducing pressure in the system, the service apparatus comprising:

a body including a first lower port fluidly connected to a first upper port by a first channel; and

a sealing member on the body for forming a seal with the orifice; and filling the system with a fluid source fluidly connected to the first upper port.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the body further comprises a second lower port fluidly connected to a second upper port by a second channel, and filling includes applying a reduced pressure to the second upper port to withdraw fluid from the fluid source, through the first channel and into the fluid system.

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24. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the service apparatus includes a valve proximate to the second channel that stops filling when a fluid enters the second lower port.

25. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein prior to filling the system, the pressure within the system is monitored for a predetermined amount of time to detect a leak in the system.

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the reduced pressure is applied continuously to reduce the occurrence of air locks in the system.

- 27. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein the system is a cooling system.
- 28. (new) A method for filling a cooling system comprising:

applying a reduced pressure to a service apparatus to withdraw fluid from a fluid source fluidly connected to a service apparatus, through the apparatus, and into the cooling system, the service apparatus forming a seal with the cooling system when the reduced pressure is applied.

- 29. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the service apparatus includes a valve proximate to a channel that stops fluid flow in the channel when the fluid enters the channel.
- 30. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the service apparatus includes a sealing member comprising a resilient material configured to form a seal with an orifice of the cooling system when placed on the orifice.
 - 31. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the valve is a float valve.
 - 32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the float valve includes a float ball.

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33. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the apparatus further comprises a second lower port fluidly connected to a second upper port by a second channel.

34. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein the apparatus further comprises a second lower port fluidly connected to a second upper port by a second channel.